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OF THE

COLUMBIAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

IN THE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I.

THE association shall be styled the "COLUMBIAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY;" and its object shall be to encourage, promote, and improve Horticulture, in all its branches.

ARTICLE II.

The society shall consist of a President, five Vice Presidents, (one from each city, and one from each county of the District,) a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Council, to be elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, to state and put questions which shall have been moved and seconded, and, in case of an equal number of votes on either side, to give the casting vote; to call for accounts and reports from all committees; call all extra meetings of the Society, when so requested by any three of its members; and generally to execute, or cause to be executed, such by-laws and regulations as the Society shall, from time to time, enact or adopt.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the senior Vice President then present, in the absence of the President, to take the chair, and shall exercise all the authority, privileges, and powers of the President; but if neither the President, nor any of the Vice Presidents, be present at any meeting of the Society, the Society shall then choose a President *pro tem.* to preside at such meeting.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys due or payable to the Society, and keep and disburse the same in such manner as shall be, from time to time, directed by the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare all letters authorized to be written by and in the name of the Society, and conduct its

correspondence. He shall, moreover, receive and read all letters and papers addressed to the Society, and dispose of them in such manner as he may be directed by the Society, or as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws; and, in his absence, his duties shall be performed by the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and regularly record the same in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose; and, in his absence, his duties shall be performed by the Corresponding Secretary. But in the absence of both Secretaries, the President shall appoint a Corresponding and Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE VIII.

All elections for officers, and for all new members of the Society, shall be by ballot. Candidates for membership shall be proposed and balloted for only at stated meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

Whenever any member shall, after notice, neglect, for the space of one year, to pay his annual dues, his membership shall cease; and any member who desires to withdraw from the Society must pay up his arrears, and give a written notice of his design to the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

The stated meetings of the Society shall be held monthly, at such time and place as the Society may direct; and five members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE XI.

The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the first Tuesday of June, unless otherwise directed by the Council.

ARTICLE XII.

The Constitution may be amended in the following manner, viz: Every amendment must be proposed at the stated meeting previous to its consideration; it shall be entered on the journal, and the President shall direct it to be read by the Secretary, and stated for discussion at the next stated meeting; and if three-fourths of the members present shall vote in favor of adopting it, it shall be recorded as part of the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.



ART. 1. All the officers of this Society shall be elected at the annual or anniversary meeting thereof, of which election at least ten days' notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary in one or more newspapers in each of the cities of this District.

ART. 2. If ten members do not attend on the day specified for the election of officers, and give in their votes, the election shall be postponed to some convenient day prior to the next stated meeting of the Society, of which due notice shall be given, and the election shall then be made without regard to the number present.

ART. 3. When any vacancy shall happen, by the death or resignation of any of the officers of the Society, it shall be filled at the next stated meeting after the vacancy shall have happened, and the election conducted in the same manner as the annual election.

ART. 4. The Treasurer shall demand and collect all moneys due to the Society, and shall deposite the same in some incorporated bank in the city of Washington, to the credit of this Society, and shall keep regular accounts of all sums received and disbursed by him. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited annually, at least one week previous to the anniversary meeting of the Society, by a committee consisting of three members to be appointed by the Council; the said committee shall report, at the anniversary meeting, the balance in the Treasurer's hands, and the general state of the funds of the Society.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, and of the Recording Secretary, to attend all meetings of the Society; and the Corresponding Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Council: he shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and record the same as they may direct. The Recording Secretary shall keep and record the minutes of the Society as directed by the Constitution. He shall prepare and give notice of all the meetings of the Society, and shall superintend the printing of its transactions under the direction of the Council.

ART. 6. The Council shall consist of not less than fifteen members. The President and all the officers of the Society shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council. Five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 7. The Council may convene at such times and places as it may deem expedient; and the President, or presiding officer of the

Society, shall have power to convene meetings of the Council at his discretion, and the Corresponding Secretary shall give due notice of every meeting directed to be convened.

ART. 8. The Chairman shall determine the order in which the business before the Council shall be taken into consideration; and all questions which shall be considered, shall be decided by a majority of votes; the chairman giving the casting vote in case of equal division.

ART. 9. The Council shall have the power, as occasion may require, to make and establish such by-laws and regulations, not repugnant to the Constitution of this Society, as shall be deemed useful and necessary for the government thereof; such by-laws and regulations shall be subject, however, to be altered, modified, or repealed, by the Society, at its stated meetings, two-thirds of the members present concurring in such alteration, modification, or repeal; and any of the By-Laws of this Society may, in like manner, be altered, modified, or repealed, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting: *Provided, however,* that such alteration, modification, or repeal, shall not be acted upon until the next stated meeting after that at which it shall have been proposed.

ART. 10. All papers or communications directed or sent to the Society shall be referred to the particular consideration of the Council, who may direct the same to be published in the transactions of the Society, or otherwise disposed of.

ART. 11. The Council may, annually, at its discretion, direct rewards to be given to such members as may, in the opinion of the Council, have essentially advanced the interests of the Society, either by frequent communications thereto, which shall have been deemed worthy of publication in its transactions, or by having made important additions to the science of Horticulture, or who, by diligence and exertions in the service of the Society, shall have merited distinction; and may also award premiums to the members of the Society, of such value, in such manner, and under such regulations, as may be deemed proper and expedient, either for the invention or discovery of any new matter in Horticulture, or some important improvement therein; or for the exhibition to the Society of any fruits, vegetables, or plants of their growth or cultivation, and either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence as to quality; or for any new and successful method of cultivating any kind of esculent vegetables, fruits, flowers, or ornamental shrubs or trees, or any subjects connected with Horticulture. *Provided,* that the fruit, vegetables, or plants have been exhibited at some one of the meetings of the Society.

ART. 12. If at any time rewards and premiums shall be awarded by the Council, they shall be presented and given to the person or persons entitled thereto, or to their representative, by the President, or presiding officer of the Society, at its next stated meeting. The names of all persons to whom rewards or premiums shall have been

awarded, in the course of the year, shall be duly recorded, and such publicity given thereto as the Council shall direct.

ART. 13. Each member, before he receives his certificate of admission, or takes his seat, shall affix his signature to a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society in a book which the Recording Secretary shall keep for that purpose; and pay into the hands of the Treasurer an admission fee of two dollars.

ART. 14. The election and admission of every member, with the time thereof, shall be recorded.

ART. 15. Each member shall be bound to an annual contribution of three dollars, the first payable at the time of his election.

ART. 16. Besides the ordinary members of the Society, there shall be two classes of members, to wit, honorary members and corresponding members.

ART. 17. Honorary members shall be eminent persons, distinguished in this or other countries for their attainments in the science of Horticulture, or persons friendly to that science. They shall be proposed only by the Council at a stated meeting of the Society, and elected at that or at a subsequent meeting by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 18. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of fees and contributions, and shall have the privilege of attending all meetings of the Society. They shall not be entitled to vote at any of its elections or meetings, or be eligible to any office therein.

ART. 19. Corresponding members of the Society shall be citizens of the United States of America, or of other countries, distinguished for their practical skill and knowledge in Horticulture. The Corresponding Secretary shall hold correspondence on subjects relating to Horticulture with such of them as shall be deemed convenient or expedient.

ART. 20. Expenses incurred by any corresponding member in promoting, under the direction of the President or Corresponding Secretary, the objects of this Society, as well as any remuneration for personal trouble, shall be paid out of the funds of the Society, under the direction of the Council.

ART. 21. Corresponding members shall not be subject to the payment of fees or contributions, nor be entitled to any of the privileges of members, except that of attending the meetings of the Society; but they may receive such rewards and honors as the Council may deem expedient to bestow in consideration of meritorious services. They shall be proposed and elected in like manner as honorary members.

ART. 22. There shall be transmitted to each honorary member, and to each corresponding member, as soon as may be after his election, a diploma, or certificate of his election, under the seal of the Society, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretaries.

ART. 23. It shall be the business of the Council, as soon as circumstances will admit, to provide for the appointment of Lecturers on Botany and Vegetable Physiology, on Entomology, so far as it relates to Horticulture, and on Horticultural Chemistry.

ART. 24. The Council shall provide a seal for the Society, with a suitable device, and shall prepare the form of the certificates of membership of this Society.



WASHINGTON, August 21, 1833.

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